

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit  
Season 10  
IP Casino Resort and Spa  
Biloxi, MS  
Event #12  
No-Limit Hold'em One-Day  
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)  
Total Entries: 66  
Prize Pool: \$19,800  
September 16, 2013**



## **It's Ring Day for William Wellman**

**Wellman now lays claim to two gold rings, both earned in Mississippi.**

**Joshua Evans finishes third, two spots shy of the Casino Championship**

**Biloxi, MS (September 16, 2013)** — William Wellman earned his second gold ring in the 12th and final event at IP Biloxi Monday night. He bested a modest field of 66 entrants in the one-day \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament to earn \$6,930.

The 50 points he earned toward the Casino Championship took a back seat to his second piece of jewelry, but would have gone a long way for the event's third-place finisher.

Joshua Evans came to the final table with a top-three stack and needing a first-place finish to best Ylon Schwartz in the points race. Evans took some hits, but grinded his way to three-handed play before an untimely king on the river sent him home third, 7.5 shorts of the 87.5-point bar set by Schwartz.

Instead the, 50 points awarded to first went home with Wellman along with his second ring.

"I came into today with the mindset I was just going to play and have fun, and I wound up winning a ring," Wellman said. "It's jewelry. I would have given all the prize money just for the ring. No qualms."

"It's solidification of my game. Who I am. How I play."

Joining Wellman and Evans at the final table was David Lin. Like four of the Event 11 final tablists before him, Lin busted Day 2 of the Main Event and decided to try his luck in one last ring event. His run at gold come up just shy, lasting only a few hands of heads-up play before succumbing to Wellman's chip lead.

Wellman is 49 years old and resides in Comanche, TX. He earned his first gold ring at Harrah's Tunica in 2011, outlasting 1,032 players in a \$345 No-Limit Hold'em tournament for \$54,747. His most recent victory came at the hands of a marginally smaller field and awarded a first prize that pales in comparison to the riches he earned a few hundred miles north.

None of that mattered to Wellman, though, because it awarded the same gold ring.

“It’s ring day!” he screamed to the tournament floor after the final river card hit the felt.

Event 12 was the last of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at the IP Casino Resort and Spa. The one-day \$365 No-Limit Hold’em event attracted 66 entries. The total prize pool came to \$19,800 and the top seven players were paid.

The tournament played out in its entirety in one day, beginning Monday at 12 p.m. and concluding at 9:15 p.m. The seven-handed final table lasted less than two hours.

### Notes on the Event

- One of the more notable runners drawing live for Casino Championship honors was Jonathan Thomas. Thomas exited the Main Event ninth and late registered in the turbo-structured Event 12. He couldn’t get anything going and finished well short of the money.
- Event 12 began alongside the Main Event final table, but finished two hours prior to it.

Ylon Schwartz earned IP Biloxi Casino Champion honors following first and second-place finishes totaling 87.5 points. He joins the Main Event champion at Caesars Atlantic City this spring to play for his share of a \$1 million prize pool and a WSOP gold bracelet in the WSOP National Championship.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion’s race and the season-long race to claim one of 60 at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on [WSOP.com](http://WSOP.com).

Here is the list of gold ring winners from IP Biloxi:

EVENT #1: James Pomranky defeated 220 players (\$365 NLH) for \$16,502  
EVENT #2: Robert Irby defeated 193 players (\$365 NLH One-Day) for \$15,056  
EVENT #3: Tam Nguyen defeated 571 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$35,978  
EVENT #4: Andrew Kattner defeated 127 players (\$365 NLH) for \$10,668  
EVENT #5: Ylon Schwartz defeated 154 players (\$365 NLH) for \$12,474  
EVENT #6: Nolan Burton defeated 159 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$12,877  
EVENT #7: Joshua Evans defeated 65 players (\$365 PLO) for \$6,825  
EVENT #8: Jin Lee defeated 169 players (\$365 NLH) for \$13,689  
EVENT #9: Richard “Vince” Tenhet defeated 168 players (\$365 NLH) for \$13,609  
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EVENT #11: Russ Head defeated 96 players (\$365 NLH) for \$8,638  
EVENT #12: William Wellman defeated 66 players (\$365 NLH One-Day) for \$6,930

With the 12th tournament wrapped, the 2013/2014 WSOP Circuit at IP Biloxi is over. Action starts up again Thursday at Horseshoe Casino in Cincinnati for the WSOP Circuit’s first ever series in Ohio.

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